

Rumson Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of January 8, 2015
Charles S. Callman Courthouse Conference Room

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM by Chairman Charles Shay.

Roll Call: Present: Mr. James Fitzmaurice, Mr. Ross Millhiser, Chairman Charles Shay, and Mrs. Roberta Van Anda

The Chairman declared a quorum present and announced that the notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act had been met by the posting and mailing of a schedule of all regular meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission for 2015 to the *Asbury Park Press*, the *Two River Times* and the Borough Website.

Approval of Minutes of December 18, 2014

The minutes of the December 18, 2014 meeting were approved by a motion made by Mr. Fitzmaurice and seconded by Mr. Millhiser.

Chairman's Report

A. Rumson Historic Preservation Commission Reorganization

Mr. Shay was nominated to continue as Chairman by Mr. Fitzmaurice. Mr. Millhiser seconded the motion. Mr. Shay was unanimously re-elected as Chairman of the Commission.

Mr. Clark was nominated to continue as Vice-Chairman by Roberta Van Anda. Mr. Fitzmaurice seconded the motion. Mr. Clark was unanimously re-elected as Vice-Chairman of the Commission.

Mrs. Van Anda was nominated to continue as Secretary by Mr. Shay. Mr. Millhiser seconded the motion. Mrs. Van Anda was unanimously re-elected as Secretary of the Commission.

B. Annual Report to the Mayor and Council

Chairman Shay reviewed the Annual Report of the Rumson Historic Preservation Commission that is to be presented to the Mayor and Council.

C. 2015 Goals and Committees

Chairman Shay led a discussion of the 2015 goals and explained the selection process for the new sub-committees. Each of the 2015 goals will be the responsibility of a sub-committee. Each committee will consist of a chairman and another member. Each Commissioner will chair a committee and have a role on a second committee. Chairman Shay stated that he will make himself available to attend any committee meeting. Herewith, the meeting agendas will reflect the reports from the various committees rather than the categories previously used.

2015 Goals/Sub-Committees

- Enhance the HPC Website
 - *Create and add an Architectural Style Booklet
- Update the Website Content
 - *Review, edit, refine and expand current information
- Explore Homeowner/Borough Historic Preservation Incentives
- Communicate HPC Activity with Borough Residents
- Team with other Groups-State, County and Local Historic Groups and Local Realtors
- Chronicle/Record/Document any “at risk” Historic Properties

Minutes and Agenda to Website

The Secretary was advised to send the minutes of the December 18, 2014 meeting to Councilman Day for posting on the Borough website.

New Business

Mrs. Van Anda reported that she had met a Rumson couple who once owned and restored an historic home and later owned an older Rumson home, which they made the decision to demolish and replace. Mrs. Van Anda asked if they would attend a Commission meeting to discuss the factors that they faced in making the decisions to save or demolish and what, if any, incentives might have saved their historic home. They kindly agreed to speak with the Commission at one of our upcoming meetings.

Because of the Commission goal to reach out to local realtors, Mrs. Van Anda also reported that she had spoken with a local realtor and asked if she would be willing to attend one of the Commission's meetings if invited. The realtor would be happy to attend.

Mr. Fitzmaurice suggested that we try to obtain a large framed tax map to hang in our meeting room. Commissioners agreed, and the suggestion will be looked into.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM after a motion by Mr. Fitzmaurice and a second by Mrs. Van Anda.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta H. Van Anda, Secretary